

# Bringing Communion to the Sick

## Caring for the Eucharistic Bread

- Immediately following Mass, get the Eucharistic Bread and place it in your pyx.
- It should remain in the pyx and with you at all times.
- Your priority after Mass should be getting communion to the person in need.

## Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside of Mass

### **Typical situation:**

- Greet the individual  
*Brothers and sisters,  
The Lord invites us to his table  
To share in the body of Christ: bless him for his goodness.  
People ANSWER: Blessed be God forever.*
- Penitential Rite
- The Lord's Prayer
- Offer a sign of peace
- Serve communion
- Concluding prayer
- Say an informal blessing and goodbye.

### **A Little More Extensive:**

- Read the readings from Mass or other reading from Scripture
- Discuss the readings and share insights of the Homily

**Note:** Remember that the type of communion service you have will also be dependent upon the person and their situation. **Sometimes, particularly in a hospital setting with someone who is ill, it is very appropriate to greet, say a simple pray (The Lord's Prayer), give communion (The Body of Christ), and leave.** Understand that you are bringing communion and the parish community to this person.